

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/706,645	KANEVSKY ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Jonathan Ouellette	3629	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/23/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12-16 and 18-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. Claims 5, 9, 11, and 17 have been cancelled; therefore, Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12-16, and 18-24 are pending in application 09/706,645.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

2. The rejection of Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, is withdrawn, due to Applicant's amendments.
3. The rejections of Claims 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, are withdrawn, due to Applicant's amendments.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

4. The rejections of Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18-21, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brewster et al. (US 5,960,337) in view of Lemelson et al. (US 6,028,514), and further in view of Sutcliffe et al. (US 6,052,122), are withdrawn, due to Applicant's amendments.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

5. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12-16, and 18-24 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

7. As per **independent Claims 1, 7, 13, and 22**, the prior art does not teach or suggest a method (system, program storage device) of providing help to people, comprising the steps: obtaining/saving the following information regarding persons with disabilities: i) a description of the needs of the person, ii) the type of handicap of the person, iii) a history of prior assistance given to the person, iv) a list of volunteers who have helped the person in the past, and v) a description of methods of how to help the person; and obtaining/saving the following information regarding volunteers: i) the name of the volunteer, ii) the skills of the volunteer, iii) services that volunteer can offer, iv) a history of prior help given by the volunteer, and v) a list of people the volunteer has helped; and using the obtained/saved information for matching persons with disabilities with volunteers.
8. **Brewster et al. (US 5,960,337)** discloses a method (system, program storage device) of providing help to people, comprising the steps: (a) organizing a network of people/volunteers (service provider) for helping people, each of the people/volunteers (EAS responder) having a portable, wireless communications device (abstract, C5 L25-30, C5 L51-62); (b) establishing a second database identifying a plurality of volunteers, and for each of the volunteers, identifying at least one specific emergency (disability) said volunteer (EAS responder – commonly volunteer Firemen or volunteer EMS) is willing to assist (abstract, C7 L5-14); (c) after the second database is established at least one person, using one of the wireless communications devices (mobile phone) to transmit a request for help (abstract); (e) after said one of the volunteers is identified, notifying said one of the volunteers of the request for help via one of the wireless communications

devices (abstract, C4 L38-67, C5 L25-30, C5 L51-62, C7 L1-14, C8 L18-41, Claims 15-18); and (f) the matching server (Electronic/computerized version of EAS operator) providing information to *at least one of* (i) said one of the volunteers (EAS Responder – commonly volunteer firemen or EMS), or (ii) the person making the request, to enable said one of the volunteers and the person making the request to physically find and meet each other (providing EAS Responder direction to emergency victim, C4 L57-60).

9. Brewster fails to expressly disclose people with “disabilities” (participating subscriber) nor establishing a first database identifying and having information about a plurality of people with disabilities, identifying at least one specific disability said person has.
10. However, **Lemelson et al. (US 6,028,514)** does disclose a system for helping people with medical problems (disabilities) and establishing a database having information about the people with disabilities, said information identifying for each of the persons with disabilities, at least one specific disability said person has (C7 L40-67, C8 L1-16).
11. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include people with “disabilities” (participating subscriber) and establishing a first database identifying and having information about a plurality of people with disabilities, identifying at least one specific disability said person has, as disclosed by Lemelson, in the system disclosed by Brewster for the advantage of offering a method (system, program storage device) of providing help to people with disabilities, with the ability to provide more direct and accurate care to the injured or disabled person, by matching them to a caretaker (volunteer) with the information and skills necessary to most efficiently and effectively help the person in need (Lemelson: C4 L29-49).

12. Brewster and Lemelson fail to expressly disclose using a matching server to use information from the pre-established first and second databases to match the person making the request with at least one of the volunteers, and using the matching server to notify said one of the volunteers of the request for help.
13. However, Brewster discloses forming a database (second database) of emergency personnel/volunteers (EAS responders) and Lemelson discloses forming a database (first database) of people with medical problems, and both Brewster and Lemelson disclose maintaining the databases at an emergency control center which coordinates appropriate assistance to problems (Lemelson: (C4 L46-49), Brewster: Claim 1).
14. Furthermore, **Sutcliffe et al. (US 6,052,122)** discloses using a matching server to use information from the pre-established first and second databases to match the person making the request (user #1) with at least one of the volunteers (user #2) (Abstract, C7 L64-67, C8 L1-18), and using the matching server to notify both user #1 and user #2 of a match (C8 L13-15).
15. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included using a matching server to use information from the pre-established first and second databases to match the person making the request (user #1) with at least one of the volunteers (user #2), and using the matching server to notify said one of the volunteers (user #2) of the request for help (a match), as disclosed by Sutcliffe in the system disclosed by Lemelson, in the system disclosed by Brewster, for the advantage of providing a method (system, program storage device) of providing help to people with disabilities, with the ability to increase system effectiveness/efficiency, by

allowing the user to integrate and manage information from two separate profile database types and keep users updated on system progress.

16. Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the references of Brewster, Lemelson, and Sutcliffe to form one system wherein an emergency operator could match entries from a first (medical information database) and second database (respondent qualifications database) in order to send/notify appropriate personnel to people in need.
17. However, Brewster, Lemelson, and Sutcliffe all fail to disclose obtaining/saving the following information regarding persons with disabilities: i) a description of the needs of the person, ii) the type of handicap of the person, iii) a history of prior assistance given to the person, iv) a list of volunteers who have helped the person in the past, and v) a description of methods of how to help the person; and obtaining/saving the following information regarding volunteers: i) the name of the volunteer, ii) the skills of the volunteer, iii) services that volunteer can offer, iv) a history of prior help given by the volunteer, and v) a list of people the volunteer has helped; and using the obtained/saved information for matching persons with disabilities with volunteers, as disclosed by the independent claims of the instant application.
18. The remaining dependent Claims 3-4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14-16, 18-21, 23, and 24 are considered allowable, as they are dependent and based off of an allowable independent claim.
19. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany

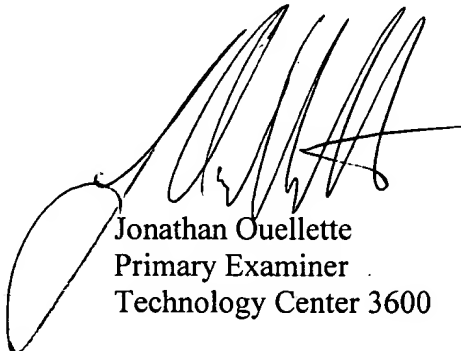
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the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

*Conclusion*

20. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Ouellette whose telephone number is (571) 272-6807. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8am - 5:00pm.
21. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (571) 273-8300 for all official communications.
22. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination whose telephone number is (703) 308-1202.

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